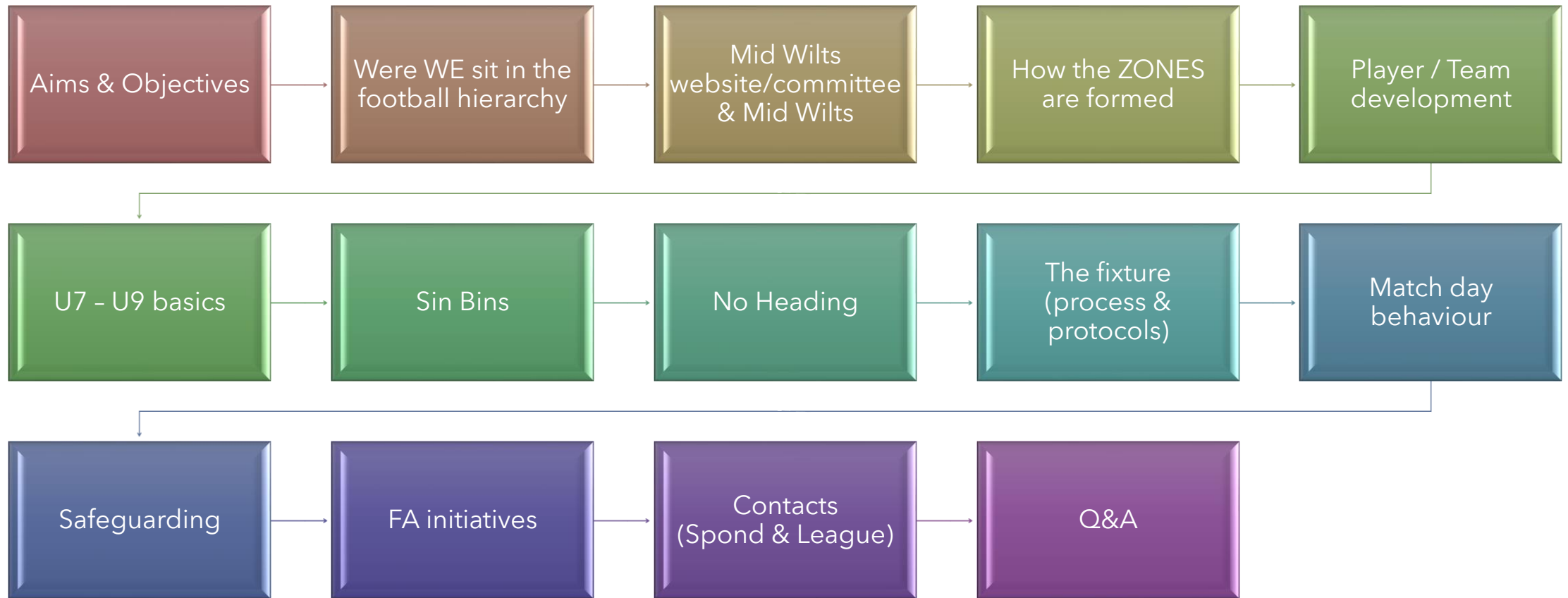




Mid Wilts Youth & Minor Football League U7-U9 Workshop

Sunday 8th Sept 2024

Agenda





Aims and Objective of this workshop

Provide an enhanced understanding of:

- the different football organisations and what they do
- who Mid Wilts are and what they do
- the Rules of the League
- fixture administration
- **expected behaviours at youth football events**
- where information and help can be found

Outcome:

ALL are doing the RIGHT things at the RIGHT time,
ALL the time....leading to a great football experience for ALL involved

The hierarchy of football



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www.wiltshirefa.com



<https://midwiltsyouthandminorfootball.go.daddysites.com/>



Wiltshire FA



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- professional training to enhance the skills of the football workforce
- deliver programmes and support facilities to inspire people to take part in football
- administration (**inc all discipline matters**) and support to players, clubs and leagues

Mid Wilts League [Est 1974]



<https://midwiltsyouthandminorfootballl.godaddysites.com/>

- League matches, competitions and trophy events
- Support to clubs/teams regarding league matters
- Player registration and transfers approval

Mid Wilts Website -



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Welcome

This site contains several pages/files of useful information for Clubs,
Team Managers, Coaches, Players & Spectators

[CONTACT US](#)

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The Mid Wilts League committee

Post	Name
Chair / Treasurer	Richard Laver
Secretary / Fixtures Secretary	Christina McCosh
Governance/Welfare	Peter Wallis
Referee Secretary	Gary Stonham
U7-U10 Age Group Manager / Website	Terry McCosh
U11-U14 Age Group Manager	Roger Arnold
U15-U18 Age Group Manager	Paul Naylor
Committee	Bev Slatford & Carla Smith

MW Rules – (Agreed and Adopted by ALL clubs at the AGM)

GOVERNANCE RULES

- Rule 1 Definitions
- Rule 2 Name and Constitution
- Rule 3 Club Name
- Rule 4 Entry Fee, Subscription, Deposit
- Rule 5 Management, Nomination, Election
- Rule 6 Powers of Management
- Rule 7 Protests, Claims, Complains, Appeals
- Rule 8 Annual General Meeting
- Rule 9 Special General Meeting
- Rule 10 Agreement to be Signed
- Rule 11 Continuation of Membership, Withdrawal of a Club
- Rule 12 Exclusion of Clubs, Teams. Misconduct of Clubs, Officers, Players, Management Committee
- Rule 13 Trophy
- Rule 14 Alteration to Rules
- Rule 15 Finance
- Rule 16 Insurance
- Rule 17 Dissolution



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MW LEAGUE & CUP RULES

[Mid Wilts Rules 24-25 \(pdf\)](#) [Download](#)

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Essential reading for Team managers/coaches:

MATCH RELATED RULES

Rule 18 Qualification of Players

Rule 19 Club Colours

Rule 20 Playing Season. Conditions of Play, Times of Kick-Off.
Postponements. Substitutes

Rule 21 Reporting Results

Rule 22 Determining Championship

Rule 23 Match Officials

SCHEDULE A - Fees Tariff Fines Tariff



The screenshot shows the website for the Mid Wilts Youth & Minor Football League. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the following links: HOME, MID WILTS CONTACTS, LEAGUE & CUP RULES (highlighted with a red box), ONLINE FORMS, and GUIDES. Below the navigation bar, the page title 'MW LEAGUE & CUP RULES' is displayed. The main content area features two green buttons, each with a download icon and the text 'Download'. The first button is labeled 'Mid Wilts Rules 24-25 (pdf)' and the second is labeled 'Mid Wilts Cup Rules 24-25 (pdf)'. At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: 'COPYRIGHT © 2024 MID WILTS YOUTH & MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE - ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.' and a footer with links: Home, Mid Wilts Contacts, League & Cup Rules, Online Forms, Guides, and Privacy Notice.

How U7 & U8 Zones are formed

Clubs enter their teams into the league.

Zones [for u7-u8) are formed by the Fix Sec for:

Sept – Oct (Impossible to tell if team are equally matched):

They are then reset [After a **Trophy Event u7 19th Oct | u8 12th October**] for:

Nov-Jan &

Feb-May based on:

- **Known results** of each period of fixtures and the Trophy Event

It is not guaranteed that the above process will deliver equally matched teams, but it generally works

What if my team is easily winning or badly getting beat??

How U9 Zones are formed

Clubs enter their teams into the league.

Zones [for u9) are formed by the Fix Sec for:

Sept – Dec (Estimated using last season's results)

They are then reset for:

Jan-Mar &

Apr-May (inc Cup) based on:

- Known results of previous period

It is not guaranteed that the above process will deliver equally matched teams, but it generally works

What if my team is easily winning or badly getting beat??

Player / Team Development

“ We all want children to enjoy playing and **fall in love with football** from an early age.

U7-U10 Football (and beyond) is designed to allow children to do just that.

Football has a key role to play in the development of young players in the Foundation Phase.

We want to **create an environment that is exciting, memorable** and one that keeps children coming back.

We ask **all coaches to see players as children first**, rather than kids who might be good at football.

The overriding message for us all is to **make it fun and enjoyable.**”



Player / Team Development

Excessive Scores

There is little benefit from matches that result in very one-sided games

If you are part of a match that is one sided.....**what will you do?**

Coaches need to adjust team set up and try to provide a worthwhile experience for the players

‘Best’ player in Goal and changing player positions rarely changes an outcome of a game

How can we equal things up?....



Player / Team Development



Excessive Scores

- **Mix and Match** the teams (use bibs)

- Add **Challenges** to the stronger team – Can you provide your young players with ‘puzzles’ to solve.

Try to keep the challenges ‘Match Real’

Some suggested **challenges**:

- Once across the halfway line return the ball to the goalkeeper to restart attack
- Keep possession in your half/penalty area for x mins before attacking
- Set 1 or 2 defender(s) only when opposition attack or defenders not to enter their own penalty area
- Limited touches
- Can only score 1 goal, and no more, until all other team-mates have scored
- The 1nil game (1 nil up, then retain the ball for x mins before scoring again)
- Send limited number of players over the retreat line, let the opposition attack relatively unopposed

Player / Team Development



Development football is designed to create the best learning and fun experience for young players. To ensure an imbalance in ability does not spoil this, the FA has approved 'Power Play' as an option that mini-soccer and youth leagues can adopt.

- If a team is losing by a four goal difference they can put an additional player on – so 5v5 becomes 6v5.
- If the score returns to less than a four goal difference the team takes off a player. It does not have to be the last player to come on.

Player / Team Development

OPTIONAL POWER PLAY LAW

The diagram below helps to explain the process:

Score	What happens?	5v5	7v7
Red Team 3-0 Blue Team	No change	5v5	7v7
Red Team 4-0 Blue Team	Blue Team brings on one extra player	5v6	7v8
Red Team 4-1 Blue Team	Blue Team removes one player*	5v5	7v7
Red Team 5-1 Blue Team	Blue Team brings on one extra player	5v6	7v8
Red Team 6-1 Blue Team	No change	5v6	7v8
Red Team 7-1 Blue Team	Blue Team brings on another extra player	5v7	7v9
Red Team 7-2 Blue Team	Blue Team removes one player*	5v6	7v8
Red Team 7-3 Blue Team	No change	5v6	7v8
Red Team 7-4 Blue Team	Blue Team removes final extra player*	5v5	7v7

* This does not need to be the same player that was put on as the additional player.



- If a team goes on to be losing by a six goal difference a further additional player can be added – so 6v5 becomes 7v5.
- The main aim of the Power Play option is that all players are being challenged and enjoying the game.
- Power Play is available through all mini soccer football formats 5v5 and 7v7.

The laws of the game

Mini-soccer | England Football



Version updated May 2024

KEY CHANGES

There is nothing more important in football than keeping players, coaches, spectators and everyone involved safe. If we can do that we can all enjoy the game we love.



Deliberate Heading



Pass or Dribble In



Mini-Soccer at a glance 2024/25





Mini-Soccer at a glance 2025/26



u7 – u9 basics

Goal sizes: the goal size for Mini-Soccer is 12ft × 6ft.

Number of Players by Age (max.)

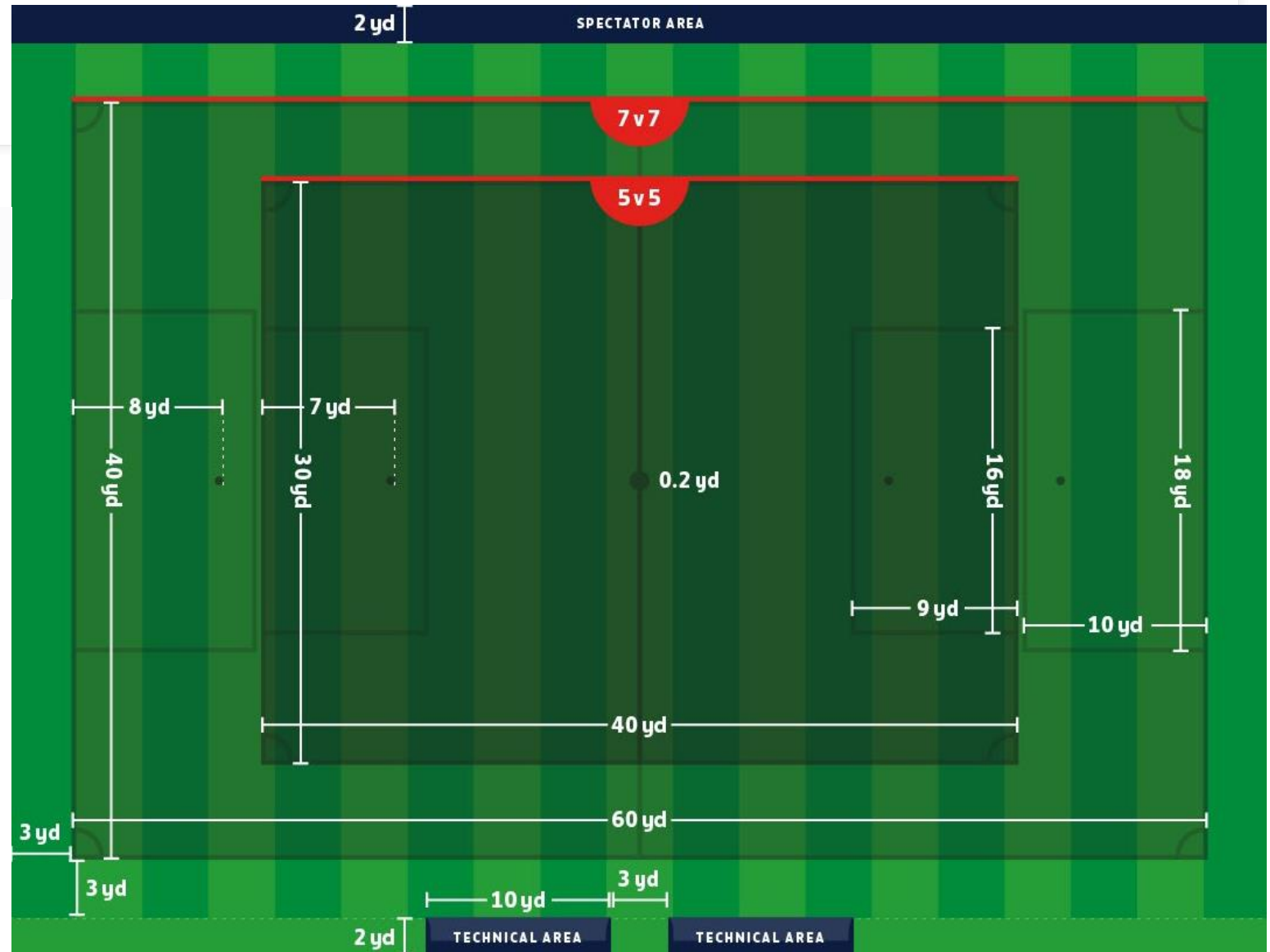
U7s – U8s	U9s – U10s
	

- **U7s – 8s:** the maximum number of players per team is 5v5 with a squad of 10 or less.
- **U9s – 10s:** the maximum number of players per team is 7v7 with a squad of 14 or less.

*A team must have at least four players for a game to begin and continue.



Size 3



u7 – u9 basics

Playing time

- ⊕ 40 mins/day [u7-u8]
- ⊕ 50 mins/day [u9]
- ⊕ Children should not exceed the maximum playing time for their age in any one day
[It is the responsibility of the junior club and/or the child's parent or carer to ensure this]
- ⊕ **Half time** should not be more than **five minutes**
- ⊕ Development games **should be split into quarters**

u7 – u9 basics

Referee



- ⚽ The **home team** is responsible for providing a referee
- ⚽ The role can be shared by both teams
- ⚽ Any person who referees a game of football has the authority to apply the laws of Mini-Soccer even if they are not a fully qualified referee
- ⚽ The referee should always help the players to learn the game by explaining their decisions and helping with match situations

u7 – u9 basics

Laws of the Game (Often mis-understood or questioned)

- ⊕ All free kicks are **direct** [EXCEPT THOSE AWARDED FOR A HEADER]
- ⊕ For all free kicks defending players must be **5 yards from the ball** (that also includes restarts and corners)
- ⊕ A goalkeeper **is not allowed** to pick the ball up from a back pass or a throw in.
If this happens a free kick should be given on the penalty area line closest to where the incident occurs
- ⊕ There are no throw-ins. The sideline restart is now a pass or dribble in
[the ball must be stationary prior to restart]
- ⊕ A player cannot score direct from a pass-in

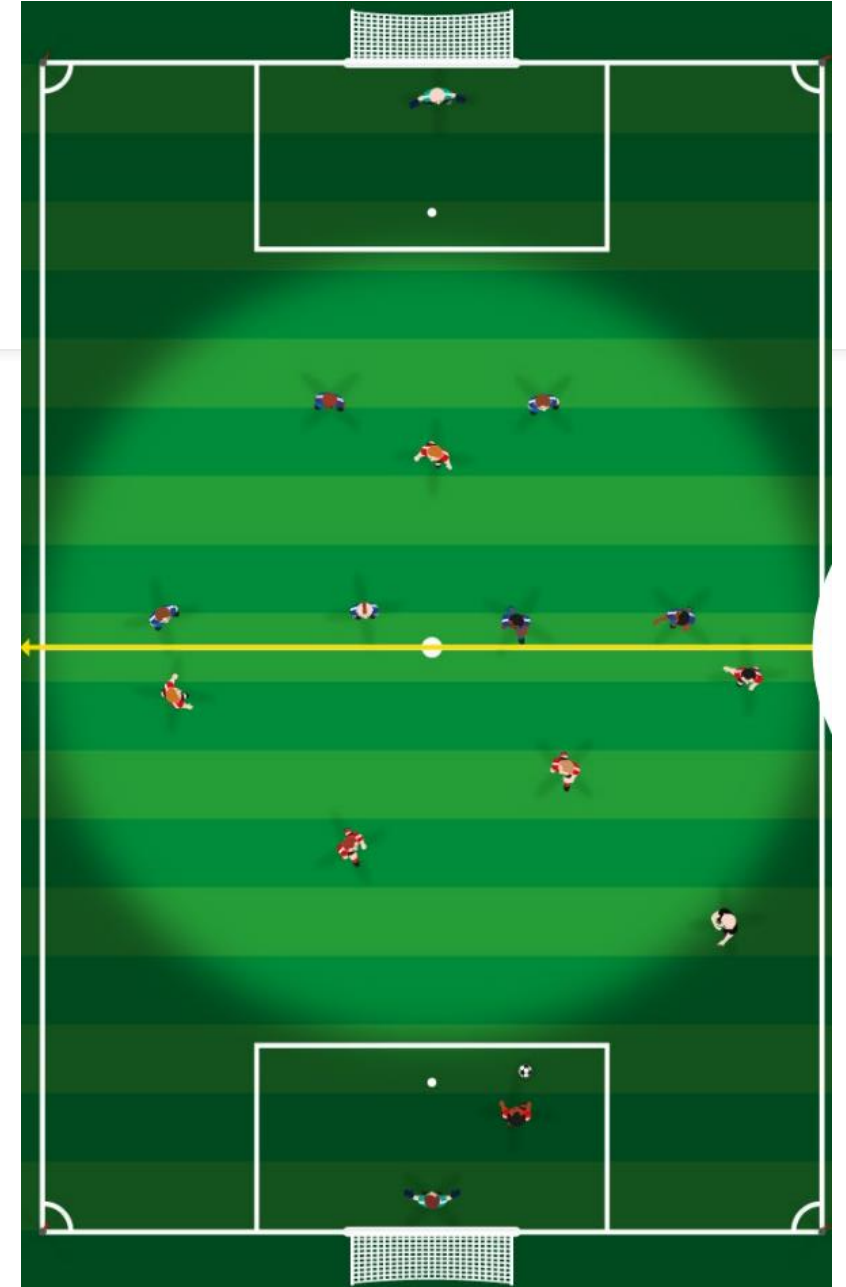
u7 – u9 basics

Laws of the Game (Often mis-understood or questioned)

The Retreat rule

- ⊕ If an attacking player **kicks the ball over the goal line** a goal kick is awarded to the defending team (taken from anywhere within the goal area)
- ⊕ The team without the ball must **retreat to their own half** until the ball is in play
- ⊕ Once the **ball is in play**, the team without the ball can try and win it back.

If the Goalkeeper makes a save and retains the ball, the attacking team **do not need to retreat**



SIN BINS



Temporary Dismissals - otherwise known as 'sin bins' - are mandatory for acts of dissent across all of grassroots football.

HOW DO YOU FIND YOURSELF IN THE SIN BIN?



Players will only go into the sin bin for dissent cautions



For use of words, gestures, questioning or undermining the referee's decisions



EXAMPLES OF DISSENT:

Shouting at the referee, questioning the referee's ability, slamming the ball into the ground and sarcastically clapping a decision

DURATION OF A SIN BIN



For matches of 90 minutes, players spend 10 minutes in the sin bin



For matches of all other lengths, players spend 8 minutes in the sin bin



If the sin bin period has not expired at the end of:
1st half: Continues into the 2nd half
2nd half: Continues into extra time
Extra time: Players can participate in the penalty shoot out

THE MATCH DAY PROCESS



Dissent



Dissent caution: Referee issues a Yellow Card and directs the player to the touchline



Whilst in the sin bin, if the player commits a Yellow or Red Card offence they are sent off and can not be substituted



A player can only return to the field of play with the referee's permission at a stoppage in play



If a player receives a second Yellow Card for any type of offence, they will be shown a Red Card and dismissed from the field of play

Sin bins only apply to a player's first Yellow Card. If they receive a second Yellow Card they are dismissed from the field of play.

Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or actions is still a Red Card offence!

Heading guidance



HEADING GUIDANCE



HEADLINES:

- **No heading in training in the foundation phase** (primary school children)
- **Graduated approach to heading for children in the development phase U12-U16**
- **U18 heading drills should be reduced, to take into consideration the heading exposure in matches**
- **Don't over inflate the footballs: use the lowest pressure authorised by the Laws of the Game**

Why no heading in youth football?



In 2022, the FA became the first national association to successfully adopt the International Football Association Board [IFAB] trial to remove deliberate heading in grassroots football matches

The aim:

- is to help positively shape grassroots youth football - and to ensure that matches at this level are aligned to the FA current heading guidance for training
- to help reduce any potential risk factors that may be linked to heading the ball, including injuries from head-to-head, elbow to head, or head to ground contact.

No heading of the ball in matches

It starts this season (2024-25)

The heading ban is in place in all **u7 – u9** matches

It will then expand to the u10s next season (2025-2026)

and then u11s the season after (2026-2027)

With the new rule, heading the ball will mean the opposition are awarded an indirect free-kick

- have you players parents/guardians etc been told of this new law of the game??

From the start of the 2024-25 season, there will be no disciplinary sanctions applied for a deliberate header in a match, unless the action is considered a persistent deliberate offence, which could then result in a caution

No Heading (New as of 2024/25 season)

[no heading - guidance video](#)

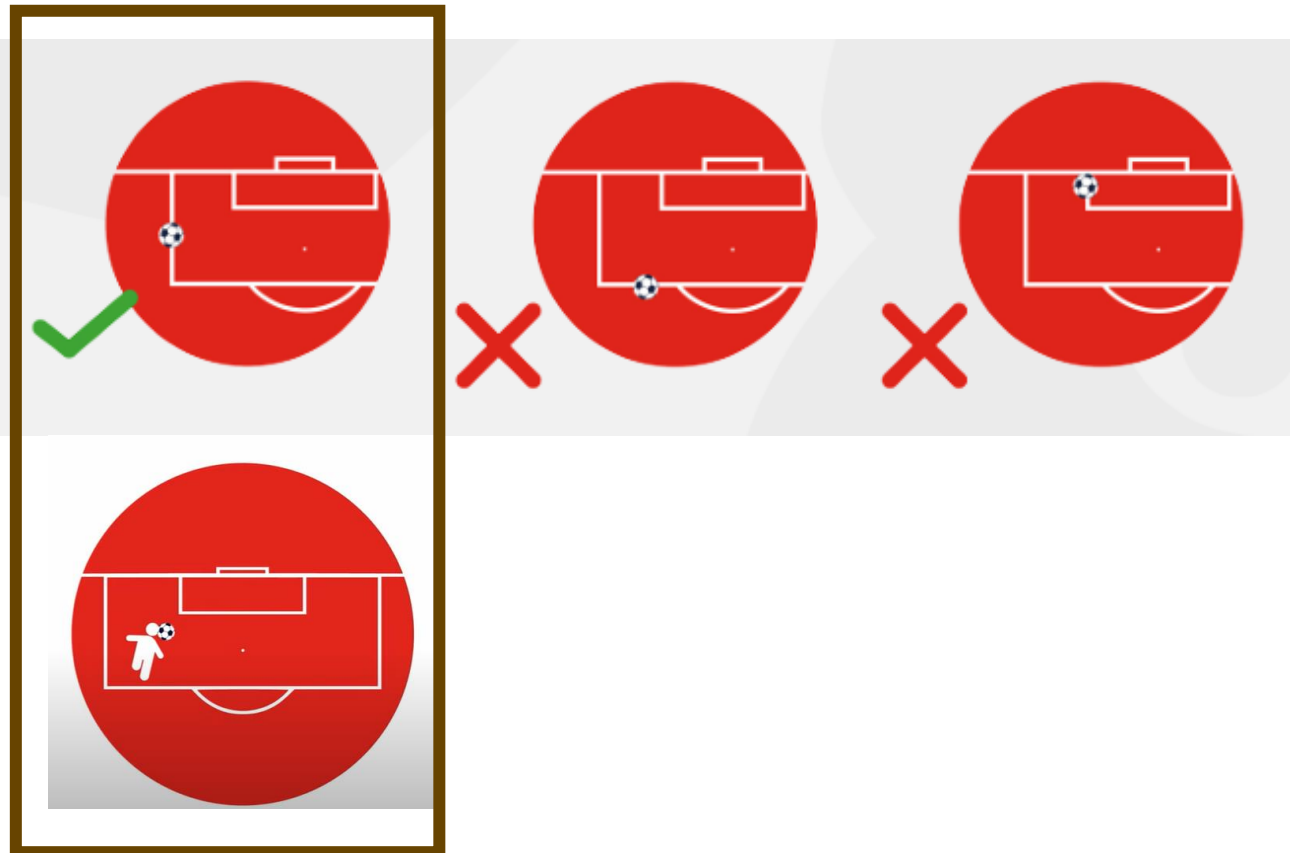
FA guidance on heading in football in England | England Football

DELIBERATE HEADING

No deliberate heading for Under 7s up to and including Under 9s.

Deliberately heading the ball is an offence punishable by an indirect free kick. The **indirect free kick** is taken at the point where the ball was deliberately headed, except:

Where a player deliberately heads the ball within their own penalty area, the referee will stop the game and restart with an **indirect free kick** to the opposition from the nearest side line of the penalty area where the offence took place.



Pass or Dribble In

[Pass or Dribble in - Guidance video](#)

U7-U9 (2024/25) AND U7-U10 (2025/26)

15 PASS OR DRIBBLE-IN

- When the whole of the ball passes over the touchline, on the ground or in the air, instead of a throw-in, a pass-in or dribble-in is awarded.
- A kicker taking a pass-in may choose to touch the ball again before it is touched by another player

At the moment of delivering the ball:

- The ball must be stationary on the touchline at the point where it left the pitch; only the kicker may be off the pitch.
- All opponents must stand at least 5 yards from the point on the touchline where the pass-in or dribble-in is to be taken.

A goal cannot be scored directly from a pass-in.

The ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves.

100%

[illegible]

The Fixture [Days]



MATCH OF THE DAY

Age Group	Day	Kick-Off time
U7	Saturday	1045
U8	Sunday	1045
U9	Saturday	1045
U10	Sunday	1045
U11	Saturday	1045
U12	Sunday	1045
U13-U17/18	Sunday	1400

These are the default days and KO times.

They can only be changed with OPPOSITION AND LEAGUE agreement

The Fixture



Before

- Confirm with opposition the match day details [Venue, KO Time etc] (5 clear days notice)

At the Match

- Set up a Designated Technical Area (DTA)
- Set up a Respect Barrier
- Complete a Squad List check prior to kick-off (What if a team does not present their Squad List)

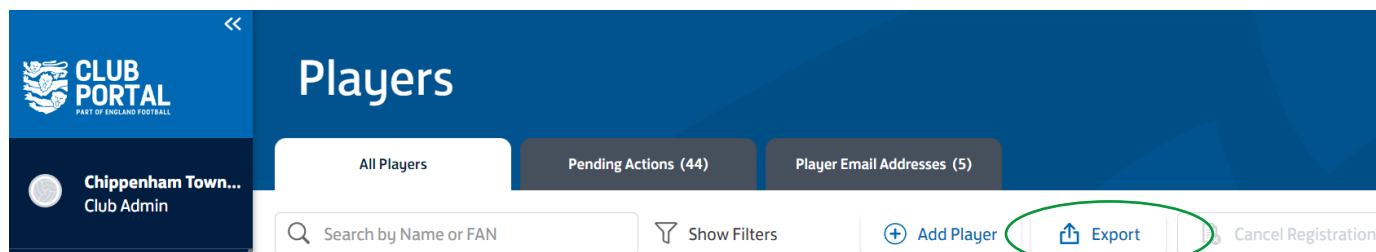
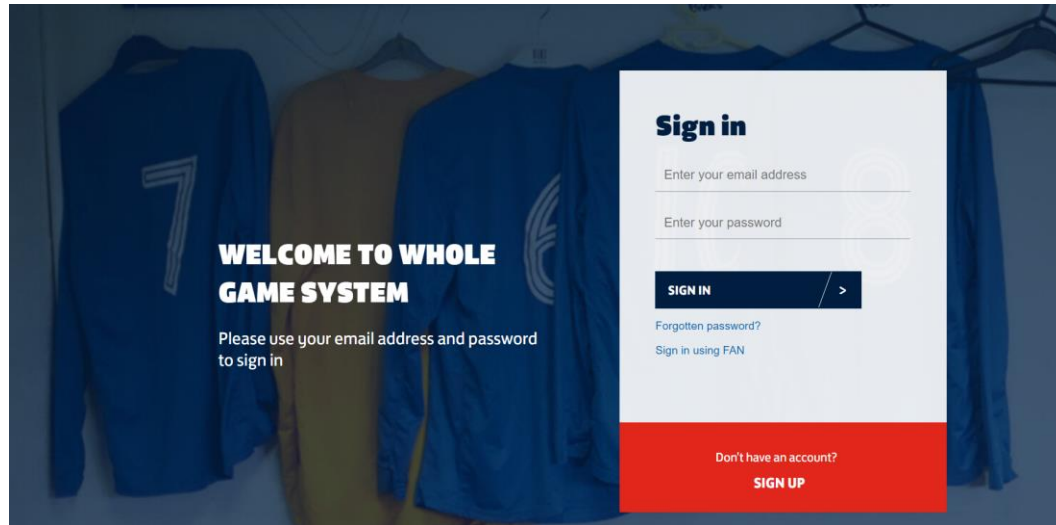
After the Match


- Go on to **Full-Time** and report your match details

What if the game doesn't take place?

Whole Game System (WGS)











- Register Players
- Download Squad Lists




**Chippenham Town Youth FC U14**
Squad List

Exported by: Terry McCosh
Date: 02 September 2023
Time: 10:32

Registered Players (12)

 LIONEL MESSI Age: 13 Reg: 1 st August 2023 Emergency Contact: Mum 07123 456789	 CRISTIANO RONALDO Age: 13 Reg: 1 st August 2023 Emergency Contact: Mum 07123 456789
 THIERRY HENRY Age: 13 Reg: 1 st August 2023 Emergency Contact: Mum 07123 456789	 NEVILLE SOUTHALL Age: 13 Reg: 1 st August 2023 Emergency Contact: Mum 07123 456789
 FRANZ BECKENBAUER Age: 13 Reg: 1 st August 2023 Emergency Contact: Mum 07123 456789	 BOBBY MOORE Age: 13 Reg: 1 st August 2023 Emergency Contact: Mum 07123 456789
 KEVIN RATCLIFFE Age: 13 Reg: 1 st August 2023 Emergency Contact: Mum 07123 456789	 ZINEDINE ZIDANE Age: 13 Reg: 1 st August 2023 Emergency Contact: Mum 07123 456789
 ANDRIY SHEVCHENKO Age: 13 Reg: 1 st August 2023 Emergency Contact: Mum 07123 456789	 BOB LATCHFORD Age: 13 Reg: 1 st August 2023 Emergency Contact: Mum 07123 456789
 ROY KENT Age: 13 Reg: 1 st August 2023 Emergency Contact: Mum 07123 456789	 DANI ROJAS Age: 13 Reg: 1 st August 2023 Emergency Contact: Mum 07123 456789

Team Officials (2)

 Ted Lasso Team Coach	 Terry McCosh Team Manager
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The Fixture (Non-Fulfilment)



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ONLINE FORMS



U7-U10 NON
FULFILMENT FORM



U11 - U18 NON
FULFILMENT FORM

If a match is not played, **BOTH** teams must complete a Non-Fulfilment Form

They are received by:

- The Fixtures Sec [to consider validity of the non-fulfilment]

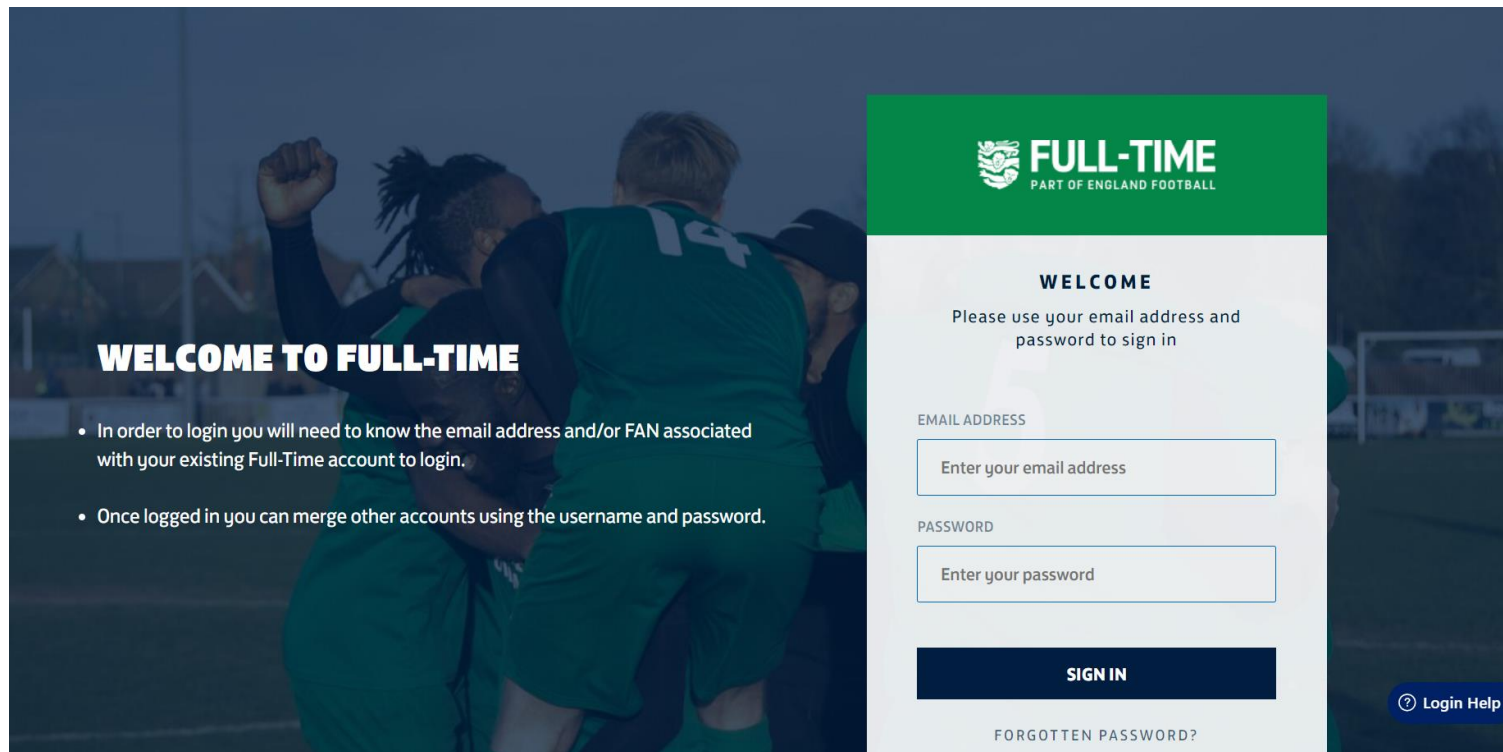
Reason (Valid) Select option *

- ☐ Unfit Pitch (e.g. Waterlogged, icy etc)
- ☐ School Activity (Detail the Event & Players Names at the event in OTHER reason below)
- ☐ Mid Wilts League Cup
- ☐ Wilts / Somerset FA County Cup
- ☐ NONE OF THE ABOVE (See Other Reason)

4 Valid reasons

- u7 – u10 Matches are NOT redated**

Full-Time



The image shows the Full-Time login interface. On the left, a dark blue banner with a football player in a green jersey has the text 'WELCOME TO FULL-TIME' and two bullet points: 'In order to login you will need to know the email address and/or FAN associated with your existing Full-Time account to login.' and 'Once logged in you can merge other accounts using the username and password.' On the right, a white login form with a green header contains the 'FULL-TIME PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL' logo, a 'WELCOME' heading, a sign-in instruction, email and password input fields, a 'SIGN IN' button, and a 'FORGOTTEN PASSWORD?' link. A 'Login Help' link is in the bottom right corner.

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FULL-TIME
PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL

WELCOME
Please use your email address and password to sign in

EMAIL ADDRESS
Enter your email address

PASSWORD
Enter your password

SIGN IN

FORGOTTEN PASSWORD?

Login Help

- View fixtures
- Reporting match day results
* (Rule 21a-c)

Failure to report results could cost up to £30

* See the 'How to Guides' on the league website



OK to use but.....CHECK all details transfer in Full-Time

Trophy Events

What are they?

- A league organised mini-football festival

Where are they played?

- Wilts County FA HQ, Green Lane Devizes

How do I enter?

- All teams are automatically entered into Trophy Events (It is a mandatory event) [Potential fine if teams do not turn up]
- Details will be via Full-Time **email notifications** and will be detailed on the league website

How do they work?

- Turn up on the day/time of your event
- Bring your squad list
- Follow the festival schedule



Match Day Behaviour

Was it 100% perfect last season?

No

Did the League have many incidents to tackle last season?

Yes

Was there any bad behaviour at u7/u8/u9 matches last season?

Yes

What can we as Coaches, Players, Spectators and Club Officials do to improve the match day experience?

Set the standards for a great game.

Use your position to set a
positive example for the people
you're responsible for and lead
a better game for everyone.

Play Your Part (Code of Conduct)

Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials

Play your part and support The FA's Code of Respect:

On and off the field, I will:

- Always show respect to everyone involved in the game
- Stick to the rules and celebrate the spirit of the game
- Encourage fair play and high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the Referee and encourage players to do the same
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive behaviour
- Be aware of the potential impact of bad language on others
- Be gracious in victory and defeat
- Respect the facilities home and away

When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything
- Never tolerate any form of bullying
- Ensure all activities are suited for the players' ability and age
- Work with others (e.g. officials, doctors, welfare officers, physiotherapists) for each player's best interests

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, I may be:

- Required to meet with the club or league Welfare officer or your CFA Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO).
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave, lose my position and/or have my license withdrawn

**we ONLY
do
Positive.**



Play your best. Be your best.

Make sure you and everyone
around you has a good time
on and off the pitch.

Play Your Part (Code of Conduct)

Young Players

Play your part and support The FA's Code of Respect:

When playing football, I will:

- Always play my best for the benefit of the team
- Play fairly and be friendly
- Play by the rules and respect the Referee
- Shake hands with the other team - win or lose
- Listen carefully to what my coach tells me
- Understand that a coach has to do what's best for the team
- Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club
- Encourage my team mates
- Respect the facilities home & away

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, I may:

- Be asked to apologise to whoever I've upset
- Receive a formal warning
- Be dropped, substituted or suspended from training



**we ONLY
do
Positive.**

If we behave positively
during practice and matches,
our children will too.

By setting a good example, we'll help
build a supportive environment in which
everyone can enjoy themselves.

Play Your Part (Code of Conduct)

Spectators and Parents/Carers

Play your part and support
The FA's Code of Respect:

- Have fun; it's what we're all here for!
- Celebrate effort and good play from both sides
- Always respect the Referee and coaches and encourage players to do the same
- Stay behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)
- When players make mistakes, offer them encouragement to try again next time
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

I understand that if I do not follow the Code,
I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning or asked to leave
- Required to meet with the club committee, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Requested not to attend future games, be suspended or have my membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents and/or issued a fine



RESPECT

*We ONLY
do
Positive.*



PLEASE REMEMBER

**THIS IS A GAME
THESE ARE CHILDREN
THE COACHES ARE
VOLUNTEERS
REFEREES ARE HUMAN**

**MISTAKES
WILL HAPPEN**



**IT'S THEIR GAME,
JUST LET THEM PLAY**





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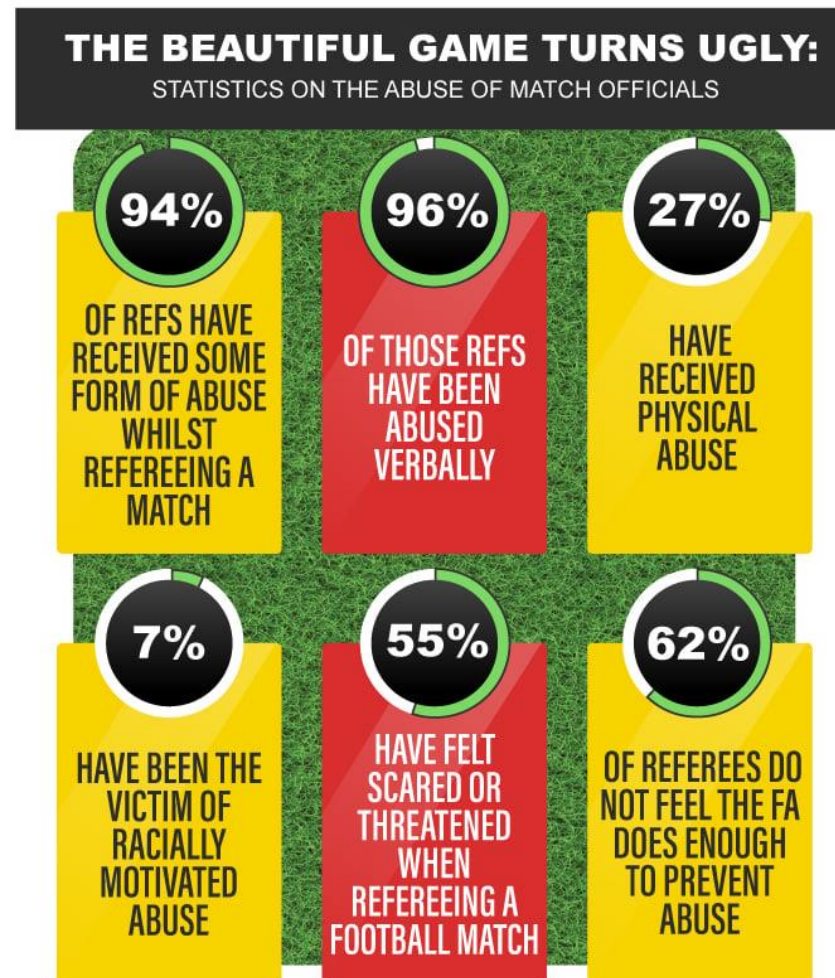
Expected Behaviour towards Match Day Official(s)

U18 Referees abused = Safeguarding issues


WWW.TEAMGRASSROOTS.CO.UK



" THE REF ISN'T A PREMIER LEAGUE REFEREE WITH ASSISTANT AND VAR, THE REF WILL MAKE MISTAKES TODAY. ONCE WE ACCEPT THAT AND MOVE ON, WATCHING YOUR CHILD'S GAME WILL BE A LOT MORE ENJOYABLE."




I AM YOUR REFEREE TODAY...



- On most occasions, I will be a school child/student, not an adult.
- I am learning.
- There will be decisions I get wrong.
- Some decisions might even be against you – it's not a conspiracy.
- Don't judge me like an experienced premier league referee.
- I LOVE THIS GAME and I want your son/daughter to love this game.

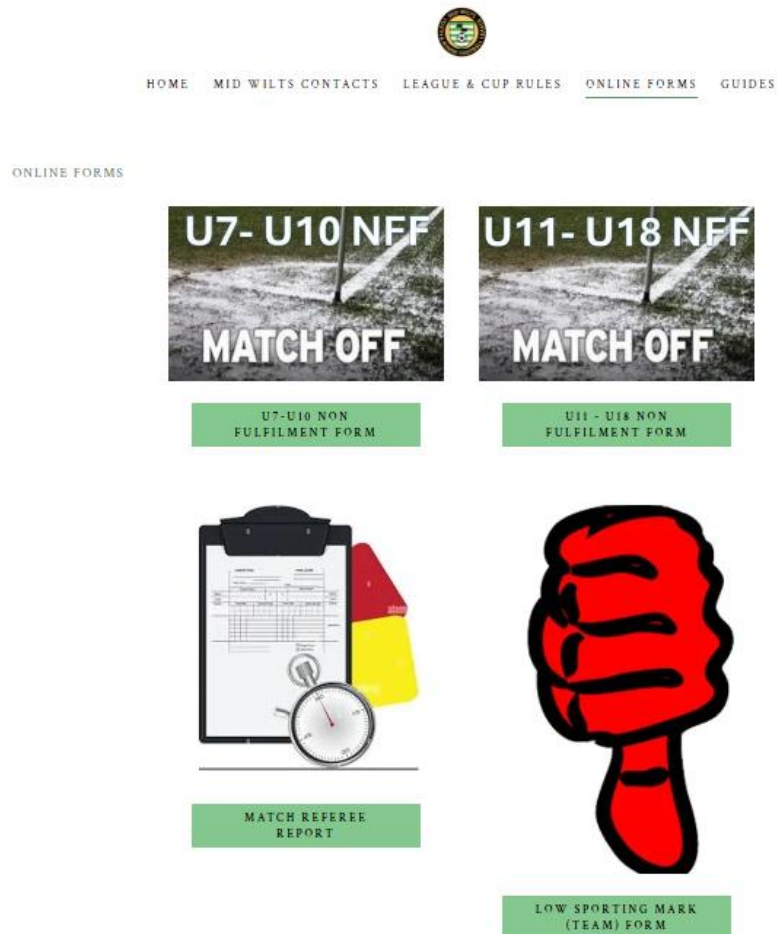
DON'T X THE LINE

Please show **reFspect**



#NoRefNoGame

Match Day Behaviour [Report it to the League]



Match Day Behaviour

What to do when it goes wrong

1. Remain calm
2. Don't engage / Ensure safety of yourself, your players & spectators
3. Take notes
4. Report it [Club Secretary / Club Welfare Officer & the League]
5. Report it to the County FA (where applicable)

Discipline Process

	Action	Notes
1	Report the incident to your Club Sec & CWO	In writing, with statements from others present
2	Complete the Mid Wilts online Low Sporting Mark Form	This gives the league notice of incidents and can advise Club Secs of options
3	Report the Incident to your County FA [IF IT IS REQUIRED]	Your County FA are responsible for investigating and concluding discipline cases.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- They gather evidence from all parties - Home/Away team and the Match Officials (where applicable)- They issue, where required, a Charge sheet. They use a variety of FA Charge Numbers inc E3 (Player misconduct) E20 (Failed to ensure directors, players, officials, employees, servants, representatives, conduct themselves in an orderly fashion whilst attending any Match) E20.1 (use words or otherwise behave in a way which is improper, offensive, violent, threatening, abusive, indecent, insulting or provocative)- They arrange Discipline Hearings and where cases are found proven, they issues fine	Some incidents (e.g., racism) are reported by Wilts FA to the FA

Safeguarding



Safeguarding in football is everyone's responsibility.

- Do you know who your Club Welfare Officer is?
 - Do you know their responsibilities?
- What is the difference between **safeguarding and poor practice**?
- Do you know how to report a safeguarding issue?
- Do you know about Play Safe Weekend?

FA/County FA initiatives

- Play Safe Weekend - <https://www.thefa.com/playsafe> (Sat 27th/28th Sept)
- Referee courses – ella.broad@wiltshirefa.com
- Wilts FA Coaches Club/courses – lyndon.taylor@wiltshirefa.com



RESPECT

GOOD BEHAVIOUR MAKES FOR A GREAT GAME

Mid Wilts Spond groups

Managers/Coaches Spond Groups 2024-25

Club Officials	Spond Link
Club Secretary's & Chairs	https://group.spond.com/GFRMU

Age Group	Spond Link
U7	https://group.spond.com/NKOAF
U8	https://group.spond.com/TFZM
U9	https://group.spond.com/GQJCZ

How to use League Spond groups

- Seek advice/guidance from league officials
- Use the @tina or @terry to seek guidance
- Make only initial contact with other team managers
- THEN USE PRIVATE MESSAGING

How NOT use League Spond groups

- Post anything that is outside the club and FA codes of conduct. Remember that discipline action can be initiated if social media is incorrectly used
- Have conversations about your match or events that happened

Mid Wilts Contacts

What	Who	How
Mid Wilts Club/Team registration	Christina McCosh (League Sec)	Club Sec to email mwfixsec@gmail.com
Player registration	Age Group Managers U7-U10 – Terry McCosh U11-U14 – Roger Arnold U15-U18 – Paul Naylor	Team Managers to email terrymccoshmidwilts@gmail.com midwiltsroger@hotmail.co.uk paul.naylor63@sky.com
Fixtures	Christina McCosh (Fixtures Sec)	Team Managers to email mwfixsec@gmail.com
General rule queries	Christina McCosh (League Sec)	Club Sec to email mwfixsec@gmail.com
Referee appointments	Gary Stoneham – Ref Sec	Team Managers to email midwiltsleaguerefsec@hotmail.com

Q & A





Match day set-up

Before the match

Make contact with your opposition...

min. 5 days prior to KO

If the opposition can't be contacted...

contact their club secretary

What if the game is not going ahead...

complete the online non-fulfilment form.

Match day set-up

At the match

Who is responsible for providing a match referee...	The home team	
How many players are allowed, on the pitch...	U7-U8 - 5	U9 - 7
What is the max number of subs allowed...	U7-U8 - 5	U9 - 7
What is the match time allowed for u7/u8's...	U7-U8 - 40 mins	U9 - 50 mins
Quarters....if both teams agree (recommended)	U7-U8 - 4 x 10mins	U9 - 4 x 12 ½ mins

Match day set-up

At the match

Size of a training and match ball...

U7-U8 - 3

U9 - 3

Size of the pitch...

U7-U8 - 40x 30 yds

U9 - 60x40 yds

Size of the goals...

U7-U8 - 12 x 6ft

U9 - 12 x 6ft

Retreat rule

only at a goal kick

(i.e., after the attacking team have kicked the ball over the goal line)

Match day set-up

At the match

Set up a Designated Technical Area (DTA)

a coned area that coaches/player should remain within during play

Set up a Respect barrier



can also be a painted line or cones

Complete a Squad list before kick-off

this is a league rule

Match day set-up

After the match

Within 3 days of the match, complete the match details in full time...

The 3 key elements that a team manager must complete on Full Time Referee mark, Respect marks and Player match appearance details

A club may be fined for a team's failure to complete the required admin on Full-Time